

Vision Statement:

We see a Jesus-orientated church having a passion for the Gospel and compassion for the world expressed through dynamic worship, love in action, the empowering of the servant leaders and the growing of disciples.

Reverend Jonathan Button can be contacted at j.button@bigpond.com.

I am available in the event of emergencies at any time, but other than that would appreciate not receiving calls on Wednesdays, where possible, as this is my day off.

Church Telephone Number: 8251 4298

This Week's Roster

20th February, 2022

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Kathryn**
Leaders (pm): **Renée & James**
Manager: **Max**
Marshal (Church): **Andrew**
Marshal (Hall): **Neil**
Reader: **Trevor**
Musician: **Brunetta**
Kidz Connect: *********
Morning Tea: **Bob, Faye & Brunetta**
Audio Desk (am): **Rykhardt**
Audio desk (pm): *********
Camera : **Lucinda**
Computer (am): **Ruan**
Computer (pm): *********
Overflow Overseer: **John**
Cleaning: *********

Next Week's Roster

27th February, 2022

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Jonathan**
Leader (pm): **Jonathan**
Manager: **John**
Marshal (Church): **Coral**
Marshal (Hall): **Cath**
Reader: **Chris DeB.**
Musician: **Pat**
Kidz Connect: *********
Morning Tea: **David, Linda & Joy**
Audio Desk (am): **Ralph**
Audio Desk (pm): **Ralph**
Camera: **John**
Computer (am): **James**
Computer (pm): **James**
Overflow Overseer: **Tim**
Cleaning: *********

Have you considered E-giving?

Envelopes with an "E" on the front, prayer requests or thanks can be placed in the offering bags on a Sunday morning.

Our bank details are as follows:

BSB 805-007 Account Number: 00702729 Credit Union SA

Please speak to Cath if you require more information.

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Sunday, 20th February, 2022

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Preacher: **Jonathan**

Theme: **Loving Your Enemies**

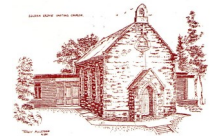
Gospel Reading: **Luke 6: 27-38**

Mission Statement: To draw people

to our Lord Jesus Christ



and nurture them through our church



Complex Persecution

It's "open season" on Christians in Australian society. What comes through the media, politics and general social attitudes is a subconscious acceptance that Christian truth, and anyone who holds to it, must be absolutely opposed as illegitimate, and considered "evil".

This is not a shocking surprise, but the fulfilment of Jesus' words of prophecy in the Bible (Mt 10:22-25). This is because the values of the Christian Gospel are precisely upside down to those of the world around us. Jesus Christ taught that we are to show mercy and love to all - especially to those who wrong and hate us! - while the world operates on a basis of favours to those who do what we want, and payback to those who don't (Lk 6:27-36).

Of course, persecution of Christian people is mostly social and psychological at this time in Australia (although not the less insidious and effective!); in many places in the world it is also physical, and to the point of death.

Jesus, of course, taught us how to respond to those who attack Christian truth, and ourselves as believers. That is, to love them, having mercy and compassion toward them as those who are lost; to publicly hold to the truth of Christ as the only way of salvation and fullness of life - for ourselves and our enemies; and to cop the attack.

Because persecution confirms that we do indeed belong to Christ, it is actually a "blessing", and we may "rejoice" in it! (Lk 6:22,23)

Grace and peace, Jonathan.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Women's Fellowship will meet on Thursday 3rd March, at 10.30am, at the Milk & Honey Cafe, 93 Wynn Vale Drive, Wynn Vale.

Could you please put your name down on the list in the hall by Sunday 27th February; this is for catering purposes so that we can advise the staff of numbers attending on the day. If you require a lift, please mark either a tick or yes on the sheet, so that arrangements can be made to pick you up. Thank you.

Bible Study Opportunities

Joining a Bible study group is a great way to grow friendships, share understanding and mature in the faith. If you're not already part of a Bible study group, consider joining one of the groups at our church:

- Women's Bible Study (KYB) - Mondays at 10.00 am - contact Margaret Lineage (0439 883 573)
- Women's Evening Bible Study - Thursdays at 7.00 pm - contact Kathryn Button
- Men's Morning Bible Study - Tuesdays at 10:30 am - contact Andrew MacTier
- Men's Evening Bible Study - Thursdays at 6:45 pm - contact Jonathan Button
- Salisbury East Bible Study - Wednesdays at 7.30 pm - contact Ted Jones or Trevor Walker

Joy Richardson's New E-Mail Address

Joy's new e-mail address is: joysemailis@gmail.com

Please note that "joysemailis" is one word, all in lower case.

DIARY DATES FOR OUR SUN-FILLED DAYS

- Sunday Morning Worship: 20th February: 10.00 am
- Congregation Meeting: Sunday, 20th February (after Worship)
- Café Youth: Sunday, 20th February: 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm
- KYB: Monday, 21st February: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Estia Worship Service: Monday, 21st February: 2.00 pm
- Thursday Morning Prayers: 24th February: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- *mainly music*: Friday, 25th February: 9.30 am to 11.30 am
- Sunday Morning Worship: 27th February: 10.00 am
- Café Church: Sunday, 27th February: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm
- KYB: Monday, 28th February: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Thursday Morning Prayers: 3rd March: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- *mainly music*: Friday, 4th March: 9.30 am to 11.30 am
- Working Bee: Saturday, 5th March: 8.00 am
- Sunday Morning Worship: 6th March: 10.00 am
- Café Youth: Sunday, 6th March: 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm

Offering Envelopes

If you require offering envelopes for 2022, you can pick them up from the back table in the hall. For members of the Congregation who pay either by direct debit or 'E give', can you please not take envelopes. Just pick up and put in the offering bag the small cards which are in the small baskets on the tables as you come in the Church or the Hall. Thank you, much appreciated.

Points to Note

- Prayer Chain: As Ray and Chris Holroyd are away until the middle of March, if you need any prayers to be placed on the Prayer Chain, could you please contact Andrew and Sheila MacTier on 8251 0882? Thank you.
- Masks and Signing In: Synod has informed us that these practices are still mandatory.

